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CALTRANS AWARDS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SAN BERNARDINO – Today, at the meeting of the San Bernardino City Council, Caltrans District 8 presented the Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer of the Year Award to Kendall Hills Neighborhood Association. They were awarded this special honor in recognition of their dedicated community service removing litter along Interstate 215 for nearly 1-1/2 years. Dennis Moon, District 8 Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator and Don Lambert, Maintenance Manager presented the award.

For over a year, this group has worked to help keep a 2-mile stretch of I-215 in the vicinity of University and Palm Avenue in San Bernardino litter free. It's near their homes so they have a great incentive. Twenty association members participate in the monthly clean up. They always meet the monthly schedule, leaving bags filled with debris for pickup and their area is one of the most consistently clean areas in San Bernardino.

Caltrans' Adopt-A-Highway Program began in 1989 and has been a truly successful government-community partnership. The program provides an avenue for individuals, organizations and businesses to help maintain sections of roadside within California's State Highway System. More than 120,000 Californians have kept over 15,000 roadway shoulder-miles clean. Volunteers remove litter, plant trees and wildflowers, remove graffiti and control vegetation. In addition to the aesthetic benefits of clean and more beautiful roadsides, participants help to prevent potential pollutants from entering our waterways. This saves California taxpayers millions of dollars every year. It's a cost-effective way to help keep California clean and beautiful and helps Caltrans devote more resources to improving mobility across California.

Caltrans is actively seeking Adopt-A-Highway volunteers. For more information, call 1 866-ADOPTAHWY or (909) 383-4300. You can also visit the website at <http://adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov>

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